

Insurance Division - Self-Insurance 500 James Robertson Parkway, 4th Floor Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1132

MINIMUM DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR DEPARTMENT TO BEGIN REVIEW OF SELF-INSURED WORKERS' COMPENSATION POOLS

(NOTE: PARTIAL SUBMISSIONS OF THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE)

- 1. Nonrefundable review fee of \$500.00 made payable to the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance.
- 2. Employers application for group coverage, fully completed, properly signed and notarized.
- 3. Application to serve as Administrator of Group Self-Insured Pool, fully completed, properly signed and notarized.
- 4. Copy of Articles of Association.
- 5. Copy of Administrator Agreement.
- 6. Copy of Service Company Agreement.
- 7. Copy of By-Laws.
- 8. Copy of agreement between group and each member, securing the payment of Workers Compensation Benefits (trust agreement).
- 9. List of initial Board of Trustees including addresses.
- 10. Address in the state where books and records of group will be maintained at all times.
- 11. Proof of payment to group by each member of not less than 25% of that members first year estimated annual net premium.
- 12. Fidelity Bond for Administrator.
- 13. Fidelity Bond for Service Company.
- 14. Actuarial Opinion / feasibility study.



Insurance Division - Self-Insurance 500 James Robertson Parkway, 4th Floor Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1132

THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS SHALL BE FILED FOR EACH INITIAL CORE GROUP MEMBER, AS WELL AS FUTURE MEMBERS

- 1. Fully completed application for group membership, properly signed and notarized.
- 2. Indemnity agreement fully completed, properly signed and notarized.
- 3. Current experience modifier.
- 4. Complete loss data for past three years.
- Most current financial statement including, but not limited to balance sheet and income statement. (Acceptable financials - CPA prepared audited financial statement, CPA prepared compilation report, or Tennessee Franchise and Excise Tax Return including form 1120.)



Insurance Division - Self-Insurance 500 James Robertson Parkway, 4th Floor Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1132

EMPLOYER'S APPLICATION FOR GROUP COVERAGE

To The Commerce and Insurance Commissioner of Tennessee:

The undersigned, a duly authorized representative of a group of employers subject to the provisions of The Tennessee Workers' Compensation Act and organized under the laws of the State of Tennessee for the purpose of qualifying as a Group Self-Insurer, certifies that such employers have duly entered into agreements to pool their liabilities in accordance with Tennessee Statute T.C.A. Section 50-6-405 (c) and the applicable Rules for Group Self-Insurers of the Act and that such agreement is attached hereto and does make application for approval of the establishment of a Group Self-Insurer to pay compensation benefits direct to the employees of such employer members.

1.	Name of Group Self-Insurer
	Address — Principal Office
3.	Address of Principal Office of Association or Group
4.	Desired Effective Date of the Group
5.	Name and Address of Designated Depository
6.	Fund Balance in Depository as of Application Date
7.	Estimated Number of First Year Members
8.	Estimated Amount of First Year Premium
9.	Field of Common Interest
	Name and Address of Administrator
11.	Name and Address of Duly Qualified Service Company

THE FOLLOWING MUST ACCOMPANY THE APPLICATION

	A copy of the Indemnity Agre	ement amoi	ng the Memb	pers.	
	A copy of any contract, endor	sement or a	pplication for	rm the Pool may use	e.
	An "Application for Group M	embership"	from each m	nember of the Pool.	
	An "Application to serve as A Administrator of the Pool.	dministrato	r of Group S	elf-Insurance Pool"	from the
In consideration	on of the approval of this appli	ication, the a	applicant here	eby agrees to the fol	llowing:
	cant on behalf of its members of the Tennessee Workers' C			omply with all obliq	gations imposed by the
bond as proassessment necessary is sound empremittance Insurance.	cant will deposit with the Comescribed; will furnish excess V ts as prescribed; will comply v fiduciary bonds as prescribed; bloyers who have a common in the amount of \$500.00, pay	Vorkers' Co with all repo will accept nterest as pro yable to the	ompensation I rting procedu as future me escribed; and Tennessee D	Insurance as prescriures as prescribed; with the Group will submit an apprepartment of Comm	ibed; will pay tax will furnish financially lication merce and
Receiving a C	e, we respectfully request that ertificate of Authority to act as ective on the	s a Self-Insu	rer under the	e Tennessee Worker	rs' Compensation
		By		(Name of Group)	
		Z)		(Chairman, Board of Trustee	es)
State of Tennes	ssee				
County of					
Subse	cribed and sworn to me by				
on this		day o	of		,
20					
			(No	otary Public)	
My Commissi	on Expires:				



Insurance Division - Self-Insurance 500 James Robertson Parkway, 4th Floor Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1132

APPLICATION FOR GROUP MEMBERSHIP

pplication For Member				Group S	Self-Insurer.
1. Name					
2. Address					
3. Federal Employer Id					
4. Applicant is: () Co	orporation ()				
5. Nature of Business_					
6. List of Partners, Ow	ners or Corporate	Officers:			
NAME	AD	DRESS	TITLE	PERCE	NTAGE OWNERSHIP
9. Current Payroll or P	Payroll During Pa rojected Payroll fo	st Year for Appl or Applicants' E	icants' Employe mployees Worki	es Working ing in Tennes	n Tennessee
8. Amount of Annual I 9. Current Payroll or P 0. Give the Following	Payroll During Pa rojected Payroll fo	st Year for Appl or Applicants' E the Past Twelve	icants' Employe mployees Worki	es Working ing in Tennes	n Tennessee ssee
8. Amount of Annual I 9. Current Payroll or P 0. Give the Following 20 AMOUNT OI	Payroll During Parojected Payroll for Payroll Facts for the TENNESSEE 1	st Year for Applor Applicants' Ethe Past Twelve	icants' Employed mployees Workin Months Period E	es Working in Tennes Ended NAL CLAS	n Tennessee ssee SIFICATION
8. Amount of Annual I 9. Current Payroll or P 0. Give the Following 20 AMOUNT OI	Payroll During Pa rojected Payroll fo Payroll Facts for t	st Year for Appl or Applicants' E the Past Twelve	icants' Employe mployees Worki Months Period E	es Working ing in Tennes	n Tennessee ssee
8. Amount of Annual I 9. Current Payroll or P 0. Give the Following 20 AMOUNT OI	Payroll During Parojected Payroll for Payroll Facts for the TENNESSEE 1	st Year for Applor Applicants' Ethe Past Twelve	icants' Employermployees Worki Months Period E OCCUPATIO	es Working in Tennes Ended NAL CLAS	n Tennessee ssee SIFICATION
8. Amount of Annual I 9. Current Payroll or P 0. Give the Following 20 AMOUNT OI	Payroll During Parojected Payroll for Payroll Facts for the TENNESSEE 1	st Year for Applor Applicants' Ethe Past Twelve	icants' Employermployees Worki Months Period E OCCUPATIO	es Working in Tennes Ended NAL CLAS	n Tennessee ssee SIFICATION
8. Amount of Annual I 9. Current Payroll or P 0. Give the Following 20 AMOUNT OI	Payroll During Parojected Payroll for Payroll Facts for the TENNESSEE 1	st Year for Applor Applicants' Ethe Past Twelve	icants' Employermployees Worki Months Period E OCCUPATIO	es Working in Tennes Ended NAL CLAS	n Tennessee ssee SIFICATION
8. Amount of Annual I 9. Current Payroll or P 0. Give the Following 20 AMOUNT OI	Payroll During Parojected Payroll for Payroll Facts for the TENNESSEE 1	st Year for Applor Applicants' Ethe Past Twelve	icants' Employermployees Worki Months Period E OCCUPATIO	es Working in Tennes Ended NAL CLAS	n Tennessee ssee SIFICATION
8. Amount of Annual I 9. Current Payroll or P 0. Give the Following 20 AMOUNT OI	Payroll During Parojected Payroll for Payroll Facts for the TENNESSEE 1	st Year for Applor Applicants' Ethe Past Twelve	icants' Employermployees Worki Months Period E OCCUPATIO	es Working in Tennes Ended NAL CLAS	n Tennessee ssee SIFICATION

Total premiums paid for the above period __

	kers' Compensation and Employ	er's Liability In	surance coverage prior to effective date
carried by:			
-		_	ove named Group, to be effective on
			thorized representative, do hereby designate
	_	_	ct in all matters relating to the Workers'
•	Act and/or employer's liability. V	· ·	
A. To accept and	be bound by the provisions of the	Tennessee Wo	rkers' Compensation Act.
		_	he group Indemnity Agreement and/or which hereafter be filed with the Tennessee
Insurance Com	missioner are hereby adopted, app	proved, ratified	and confirmed by us: and further, we agree
	the obligations set forth therein, any lawful awards against any me	· ·	ot limited to our joint and several liabilities
C. To abide by the	rules and regulations of the Trus	tees of the Grou	up and to conform to the term of the apany as long as we remain a member of the
Group.			
-	ve at least thirty (30) days written	notice to the G	roup prior to our withdrawal as a member.
			are, legal entity, nature of business or if any
			roup immediately. The Group will give
	hirty (30) days prior to cancellation	· ·	
written notice (mity (30) days prior to cancenation	on or expulsion	of any member.
			(Applicant)
		Ву	(Official and Title)
State of Tennesse			
County of			
Subs	scribed and sworn to me by		
			, 20
	<i>,</i>		
			(Notary Public)
My Commission	Expires:		
Application	and supporting documents of		
Have been prope	erly received and noted. Said appl	icant is hereby a	approved and accepted for membership in the
Group effective			
			, 20
-			·
			(Name of Group)
			(i mino di Group)
		Rv	
		<i>Dy</i>	Chairman, Board of Trustees
	Dot	e of Signing	
	Dai	~ or organis	

AFFIDAVIT

County		
State		
I, the	undersigned, being the	
(Title)	of the	(Name of Administrator)
		affirm) that to the best of my knowledge and the accompanying documents are true and
	Ву:	
Sworn before me this	day of	, 20
(Notary Public)		
My Commission Expires:		



Insurance Division - Self-Insurance 500 James Robertson Parkway, 4th Floor Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1132

APPLICATION TO SERVE AS ADMINISTRATOR OF GROUP SELF-INSURANCE POOL

To The Insurance Commissioner of T	Tennessee and the	
	Pool:	
Application is hereby made to admin	ister the Pool.	
(If additional space is required to ans	wer any question, use separ	ate sheet of paper, numbering each to corre-
spond to the question being answered	l.)	
1. Name		
2. Address		
3. Telephone Number		
4. Name of Pool		
5. Address of Pool		
6. Status: () Corporation () Par	rtnership () Individual	
7. List Names and Addresses of Own	ers and Partners	
8. If Administrator is a company, list	name and address of Reside	ent Agent
9. List the names, addresses, and the	titles of the officers and dire	ectors of the administrator.
NAME	ADDRESS	TITLE
0 Have any of the above-named neor	ole been convicted of any co	rime other than minor traffic violations within
the last ten years?	•	
If so, explain.		
-		director, stockholder or employee of the
•	-	unction, stockholder of employee of the
2. Are you affiliated with or a subsidi		
If so, list names and addresses.		
13. List all administrative services you		
•	-	financial condition (or the most recent annual

statement if an Insurance company) and of any agreement or contract between you and the Pool.

In consideration for this application, the applicant agrees as follows:

- (A) That the Applicant will comply with T.C.A. Section 50-6-405 (c), the Regulations promulgated thereunder, all lawful Orders of the Commissioner, the Rules and Orders of the Workers' Compensation Division, the rules, regulations and bylaws of the Pool and the terms of any contract with the Pool approved by the Commissioner.
- (B) That the Applicant and its employees will be in a Fiduciary Relationship with respect to any monies of the Pool received, collected, disbursed or invested.
- (C) That the Pool will not guarantee any financial obligation of the Applicant or any of its employees.
- (D) That the Applicant, its employees, and any company or firm in which the Applicant is interested will not deposit or Invest the Pool's assets except in the name of the Pool; borrow the assets of the Pool; be pecuniarily interested in any loan, pledge of deposit, security, investment, sale, purchase, exchange, reinsurance or other similar transaction or property of the Pool; take or receive for his or their own use any fee, brokerage, commission, gift or other consideration of the Pool except in accordance with Section 50-6-405 (c), or for reasonable compensation for services performed or sales or purchases made to or for the Pool in accordance with the terms of a contract approved by the Commissioner.
- (E) That the Applicant will obtain and maintain a fidelity bond in the amount of \$100,000 written by a company authorized to transact insurance in this state and will submit a copy of the bond to the Commissioner.
- (F) That the Applicant, if requested by the Commissioner, will obtain errors and omissions coverage or other appropriate liability insurance written by a company authorized to transact insurance in this state, in the amount of at least \$100,000, and that it will notify the Commissioner at least thirty (30) days before the proposed effective date of any change in this policy.

	(Print Name of Administrator)	
BY:		
		_
	(D': N	_
	(Print Name)	
	(D.' (T'.1)	
	(Print Title)	
-	(Data)	_



Insurance Division - Self-Insurance 500 James Robertson Parkway, 4th Floor Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1132

Bond No.

		Effecti Date	ive
<u>G</u>	ROUP SELF-INSUR		
KNOW ALL MEN BY THES	E PRESENTS, that		
		insurance pool as defined in	the laws of the State
of			
tion duly incorporated under the laws of			
held and firmly bound unto the State of			
dollars, current money of the United St			
ourselves and each of us, our and each	ch of our successors a	and assigns, jointly and sever	ally, firmly by these
presents, sealed with our seals and date	ed this	day of	
A.D., 20			
WHEREAS, the above bounde	n		
did on the	day of	, A.D., 20	_ , file with the
Commissioner of Commerce and Insur	ance of the State of Te	ennessee its application for a c	ertificate of authority
for group Self-insurance pool under T.	C.A. Section 50-6-405	(c), of the laws of Tennessee.	
AND WHEREAS, the Commi			
A.D., 20, granted the applicat			
grou	p self-insurance pool	enter into bond in the penalty	of
dollars conditioned among other thin	gs that the pool shal	ll abide by and perform the	requirements of the
aforesaid law with reference to paying	g or furnishing Compe	ensation, medical or surgical s	services, etc., and the
rules and regulations that are now o	r may hereafter be a	dopted by the Commissione	r of Commerce and
Insurance and the Workers' Compensa	tion Division.		
NOW, THEREFORE, the cond	dition of this obligation	n is such that if the above bour	nden
Sha	all well and truly, fror	n time to time, and at all time	es hereafter, abide by
and perform all the requirements of th	e aforesaid Act and of	f any amendments thereto, res	specting the payment
of Compensation and furnishing at its o	own cost and expense,	of medical, surgical and other	r services and funeral
expenses to said employees and their of	dependents, then this o	obligation shall be void, other	wise to remain in full

force and effect.

This Bond is and shall be construed to be a direct obligation by the Principal and Surety herein either jointly or severally, to the person who may entitle to such sum for medical, surgical and other services, funeral expenses of Compensation and may be sued upon and enforced in the name or names of such person or persons.

This Bond may be cancelled at any time by the Surety upon giving thirty (30) days written notice to the Commissioner of Commerce and Insurance of the State of Tennessee, in which event liability of the Surety shall, at the expiration of the said thirty (30) days, cease and determine, except as to such liability of the Principal on account of injury or death to any covered employees, as may have accrued prior to the expiration of the thirty (30) days, it being understood that the Surety shall be liable, within the penal sum mentioned herein, for the default of the Principal in fully discharging any liability on its part accruing during the life of this obligation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said pool has caused these presents to be executed by the signature of the Chairman of its Board of Trustees, and the Surety has caused there presents to be executed by the signature of its President, and its corporate seal attached hereto, attested by its Secretary.

	Per	
		Chairman, Board of Trustees
Attest as to seal:	Per	D. 11.
Secretary		President

INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into as of this	day of
20, by and among the	, acting by and
through its Board of Trustees, and all persons who are now or hereaft the Trust.	ter become MEMBERS of
WITNESSETH:	
WHEREAS, the undersigned persons, partnerships, corporation	ons or other entities,
hereinafter referred to as , "Members", wish to pool their liabilities un	der the Tennessee
Workers' Compensation Act and, specifically, as authorized by Section	on 50-6-405 (c), Tennessee
Code Annotated and Chapter 0780-1-54 of the Rules of the Tennessee and Insurance; and	e Department of Commerce
WHEREAS, the Members have organized and created a Tru	ust known as the
(the "Trust") to hold and administer the self-insurance fund to be con	tributed by Members (the
"Fund); and	
WHEREAS, the persons named in Exhibit "A" have been des	
Trustees of the Trust to direct the affairs of the Trust and to authorize	the admission of future
Members of the Trust until their successors are elected; and	
WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has designated	
as Service Agent for the Trust; and	
WHEREAS, the Members wish to agree that the Trust and ea	ch Member will, jointly and
severally, assume and discharge by payment any final, nonappealable	, awards entered in the
Courts of the State of Tennessee against any Member of the Trust, or	the Trust itself, for
workers' compensation benefits for employees or their dependents;	
NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenan	ts herein contained, the
parties to this instrument, agree as follows:	
1. The Members, jointly and severally, will pay any final awar	rd based upon a claim
against any of them under the workers' compensation laws of the Stat	te of Tennessee; and the
Trust will pay any assessments lawfully levied against it by the State of	of Tennessee.
2. This Agreement is a mutual covenant of assumption and no	ot a partnership.
3. The Board of Trustees will set up, operate, and enforce the	administrative rules,
regulations and bylaws of the Trust and the Fund.	
4. (a) The Members ratify and confirm the appointment by the	he Board of Trustees of
, as Service Agent for the	
Members, individually and collectively; provided, however, that the E	
the right to designate a new Service Agent from time to time.	
(b) The Service Agent shall determine all Contributions du	e to the Trust from the
Members, pay all approved items of expense as directed by the Board	

monthly account of all monies so handled.

- (c) For its services to the Fund and Trust, the Service Agent shall receive a fee to be negotiated from time to time with the Board of Trustees. Such fee shall be compensation in full for all services and expenses contracted for with the Trust, including counseling with the Trustees as to safety hazards, claims handling and investigations, and providing for excess insurance coverage.
- (d) The Service Agent's books and records shall be open to inspection by the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance (the "Department") and by the Trustees or their agents at all reasonable times.
- 5. The Administrator, to be appointed by the Board of Trustees, shall deposit to the account of the Trust, at any bank or banks located in the State of Tennessee designated by the Board of Trustees, all contributions as and when collected, and said monies shall be disbursed only as provided by: (1) the rules, regulations, and bylaws of the Trust; (2) the agreement between the Trust and the Service Agent; and (3) the rules of the Department.
- 6. The Trust shall procure excess insurance coverage to protect its member against excess losses. Initial excess insurance coverage shall be ______Loss Fund in the aggregate and statutory limits excess of ______ SIR specific insurance per claim per occurrence.
- 7. (a) The Board of Trustees may admit as Members of the Trust only those who meet the criteria for membership established by the Board. The Board shall be the sole judge of whether or not an applicant shall be admitted to membership.
- (b) A member may be suspended or expelled from the Trust after thirty (30) days written notice, (or ten (10) days written notice in the event of nonpayment of contribution and/or assessment) has been given to such Member stating when such cancellation shall be effective, and no liability shall accrue to the Trust or its Members for any accident to an employee of a suspended or expelled member occurring after the effective date of such suspension or expulsion.
- (c) Grounds for suspension or expulsion shall be nonpayment of premium, failure to follow required safety guidelines and procedures, failure to allow reasonable safety surveys, failure to report losses immediately, failure to cooperate with the claims process, failure to cooperate with the payroll audit process, adverse loss experience or failure to maintain status as a member in good standing of the _____
- (d) In addition, any member that becomes insolvent, files a voluntary petition in bankruptcy or has a petition for involuntary bankruptcy filed against it may be expelled from membership in the discretion of the Board of Trustees. Such expulsion shall become effective after the same notice provided in (b) above.
- 8. Rules and regulation for administering the Trust and the admission and expulsion or suspension of members shall be promulgated by the Board of Trustees and furnished to the Members. Pending such promulgation, each Member agrees to abide by the following rules and regulations:
- a. Each Member shall initiate and maintain a safety program to provide its employees safe and sanitary working conditions and shall follow the general recommendations of the employees. Each Member shall allow representatives of the Trust and the Service Agent access to all work sites for the purpose of determining whether the member's safety program and practices meet the Trust's criteria for membership in the Trust. Each Member shall nevertheless remain solely responsible for all decisions concerning its safety programs and practices and may not rely exclusively upon evaluation and/or recommendations made by the Trust, the Service

Agent, the Administrator, or their representatives in making final decisions concerning its safety program and practices.

- b. In the event of an accident or a reported claim, the Member shall make immediate provision for remedial care for its employees, and shall give immediate notice of the accident to the Service Agent on the prescribed forms.
- c. Each Member shall pay promptly all contributions and assessments required by the Trust. This requirement shall also extend to former Members who were such during any part of the year(s) for which the contribution or assessment is due. The amount of such contributions will be determined by applying applicable experience modification to the rates for the exposure to risk. The required contribution may be reduced by any discount allowed by the Board of Trustees. In the event of a loss fund deficit, the Board of Trustees may adopt any plan it deems equitable for the elimination of such deficit.
- d. Each member hereby appoints the Service Agent as its agent and attorney-in –fact, to act in its behalf and to execute in its name all such contracts, reports, waivers, agreements, and excess insurance contracts as the Service Agent may deem necessary or desirable; and to make or arrange for payment of claims, medical expenses, and all other things required or necessary, insofar as they affect its worker's compensation liability under Tennessee law and are covered by the terms of the Trust and the rules and regulations as now provided or as hereafter promulgated by the Board of Trustees.
- e. In the event of the payment of any loss by the Trust under this contract, the Trust Shall be subrogated, to the extent of such payment, to all the rights of the Member against any person or other entity legally responsible for damages for the loss, and in such event, the Member shall render all reasonable assistance, other than pecuniary, to effect recovery.
- f. Each Member shall give the Trust, the Service Agent, and any of their agents, servants, employees or attorneys, permission and access at all reasonable times to examine the Member's work place, plant work, machinery, and appliances covered by this Agreement, and shall permit such persons at all reasonable times while such person is a Member and within two (2) years after the final termination of membership to examine the Member's books, vouchers, contracts, documents, and records of any and every kind which show or tend to show or verify the contribution which is payable under the terms hereof.
 - 9. The Trust agrees as follows:
- a. The Trust will defend, in the name of the Member and on its behalf any suits or other proceedings which may at any time be instituted against such member on account of injuries or death within the purview of the Tennessee Workers' Compensation Act, including suits or other proceedings alleging such injuries and demanding damages or compensation therefor, although such suits, other proceedings, allegations or demands are wholly groundless, false or fraudulent. The Trust will pay all costs taxed against a member in any legal proceedings defended on its behalf, all interest accruing after entry of judgement, and all expenses incurred for investigation, negotiation or defense.

- b. Liability of the Trust to the employees of any Member is specifically limited to such obligations as are imposed by Tennessee law against the Member for workers' compensation benefits. The coverage of the Trust does not apply to punitive or exemplary damages on account of such injuries to any employee in violation of law.
- c. The Trust will provide each prospective Member at the time of application for membership a written description of any refund plan then in effect.
- 10. The Board of Trustees is authorized to set aside from the contributions collected a reasonable sum for the operating and administrative expenses of the Trust, including the compensation of the Administrator. All remaining funds of the Trust shall be set aside and used for the following purposes only:
 - a. Payment of the Services Agent's fee as provided in Paragraph 4, supra.
- b. Payment of medical, surgical, hospital, and nursing expenses, and other workers' compensation benefits to employees or their dependents covered by this Agreement, including settlements, awards, judgements, and costs in all contested cases.
 - c. Payment of lawful assessments required by the State of Tennessee.
- d. Payment of the cost of all bonds and auditing expenses required of the Trust or its agents or employees.
- e. Reimbursements legally required pursuant to the terms of any bonds, excess insurance policy or similar agreement entered into by the Trust.
- f. Distributions to members in such manner as the Trustees shall deem equitable, (including (i) providing that any Member may share in prorate distribution of dividends regardless of when such dividends are declared so long as such Member participated during the year for which distributions is made, and (ii) providing that payment of a refund shall not be contingent on continued membership in the group.) of up to 90% of any excess monies remaining after payment of claims and claims expenses and reserves; provided, however, that no such distribution shall be made earlier than twelve (12) months after the end of such fiscal year. Each member shall be given a written description of the refund plan at the time of application for membership.
- 11. The Trust shall operate on a fiscal year from 12:01 a.m., January 1 to midnight of December 31 of each year. Application for membership, when approved in writing by the Board of Trustees, or its designee, shall constitute a continuing contract for each succeeding fiscal period unless cancelled by the Board of Trustees, or unless the Member shall have resigned or withdrawn from the Trust by written notice.
- 12. The Members, joint and severally, agree that there will be no disbursements to Members out of the assets of the Trust in the form of dividends or distributions of accumulated reserves until provision has been made for the Trusts obligations under the Workers' Compensation Law and then only at the discretion of the Board of Trustees.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Has caused this agreement to be signed by the duly authorized Chairman of its Board of Trustees and each Member. WITNESSES: BY: _____(Chairman, Board of Trustees) (Applicant) by _____(Official and Title) State of Tennessee County of _____ Subscribed and sworn to me by _____ On this _____ day of _____ 20 ____. (Notary Public) My Commission Expires:

13. Any Member who formally applies for membership in the Trust and is accepted by

the Board of Trustees shall automatically become a party to this Agreement, bound by all its

terms and conditions, and said application shall constitute a counterpart of this Agreement.